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REMARKS

The Examiner's remarks have been carefully considered and the prior patents cited and applied have been carefully studied.

Applicant has cancelled finally rejected claims 2-7, 12, 14-19 and 26-42 without prejudice.

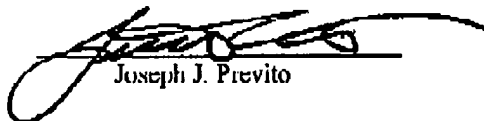
Claims 1, 8-11, 13, 20-25 and 43-45 remain in this application. The Examiner has indicated that these claims were allowed.

Since all issues have been resolved, allowance of the application is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner has any questions with respect to this application, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone the undersigned.

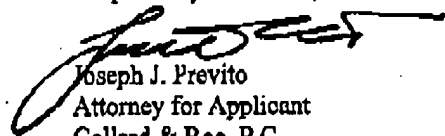
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